PCO at village Deolali in Nasik district of Maharashtra

3256. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Miniser of COMMUNCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Public Call Office has been installed at villages Deolali (Talati Office) District Nasik, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, from which date it is functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The work of providing a Public Call Office at villages Deolali (Talati Office), Distt. Nasik, is in progress.

(b) Public Telephone will be opened during August, 1988.

Review of privatisation of Scooter India Limited

3257. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scooter India has received export orders for substantial number of scooters from foreign countries;

(b) if so, what are the details of such export orders:

(c) what is Central Government's reaction to these export orders; and

(d) whether Government would review its decision regarding privatisation of Scooter India Limited in the light of these export orders?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Scooters India Limited is having export orders worth Rs. 10.72 lakhs in hand for export of 76 two-wheelers, 6 three-wheelers and spare parts to Nepal, Hong Kong, U.K. and Sri Lanka.

(c) The export orders in hand are not significant compared to the exports made by Scooters India Limited in each of the last three years.

(d) No, Sir.

Improvement in telephone service in the Asansol-Raniganj area

3258. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the deteriorating telephone service in Asansol-Raniganj area;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to improve the functioning of telephone service there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Although few complaints have been received regarding functioning of Group dialling exchanges of this area, the overall functioning of telephone system in Asansol-Raniganj area had been satisfactory.

(c) Field units of all these exchanges are taking due care to maintain the exchanges. In addition to this as a long term measures there is a plan to modernise the telephone systems of Asansol coal belt area by replacement of exchange by electronic switching network with main units at Asansol and connected to other units by RLUs (Remote Line Units) at Raniganj, Barakar, Bahula Rupnarayanpur Neamatpur, Jamuria and Andal. This replacement will take place during 8th Five Year Plan.